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A True
RELATION
Of the Progress of the Parlements Forces in
SCOTLAND:

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Wholly abandoning *Scotland*, and, in de-
spair, with what Forces were left them, march-
ing into *England*: with part of our
Forces in his Van: and my
LORD GENERAL
following in his Reer. *K Downing*

By an Express Messenger to the Council of State.



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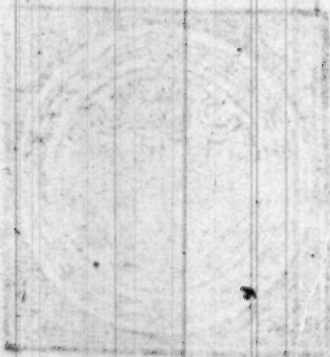
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A Letter to the Honorable Council of State
relating the Progress of the Parlaments
Forces in *Scotland*, together with the
King's marching into *England*, &c.

Truly Honorable!



Having taken in Brunteland, and the enimie still continuing within their Trenches at Sterling, it was unanimously concluded a necessarie and a quick work to endeavor the reduction of St Johnstone, which, as I hinted in my last, is a place of great importance lying in the Center of that part of Scotland, which is on the other side Forth. The enimie had put in a Regiment of foot into the Town, not above two hours ere our Van came up, who were boated from the other side of the water into the Town, which made them very high and peremptorie: but our men having broken down the sluices and let out the water out of their graff, their courage fail'd, and the Lord's Daie morning last the Town was surrendred to us upon Brunteland Articles: My Lord went in and view'd it: and wee finde the place everie way an-
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Swering our thoughts of it: and that night the whole
 Armie marcht back towards Brunteland, eleven
 miles: On Munday last wee came to Brunteland, and
 that night shipt over our whole foot to Leith, and som
 of our Hors: and the residue were transporting with
 all expedition. Lievtenant General *Munk* is left in
 Scotland, Commander in chief, and march't from us
 directly to Sterling the same day wee came to Brunte-
 land: and wee are confident hee was the next day
 possessed of Sterling Town, and doubt not of the
 hearing a speedie account of the Castle. Wee have
 left with him of Foot and Hors a field-force of 7
 or 8000. Col. *Overton* is made Governour of
 St. *Johnstouns*: hee hath with him Colonel *Daniel's*
 Regiment of Foot, Col. *Aldridges* Regiment of
 Hors, and 500 Dragoons. Tuesdaie in the After-
 noon, Major General *Lambert*, with about 3000 Hors
 and Dragoons, marcht towards the Enemy, who will
 with all expedition, get into the Reer of them: and
 my Lord hath now sent mee with Orders to Maj. Gen.
Harrison to get into the Van of them, to stop them
 what hee can, and do what further hee think's fit in the
 Counties as he marche's: I am to keep with him till
 the Armie com up. Both Maj. Generals will march
 night and daie till they get to them: Yesterday morn-
 ing, my Lord General, with the Foot, and Residue of
 the Hors, march't from *Leith*: hee will eas himself so
 of his Train as may expedite his Marches: hee bring's
 out of Scotland 8 Regiments of Hors, besides Dra-
 goons; and 8 or 9 (if Col. *West* com with him) Re-
 giments of Foot. Truly, the Lord hath don wonder-
 fully for his pe or servants, with you, and here, beyond
 what wee could have thought; and now the whole
 hopes

hopes of the Enemie is cooped up in this partie that march't by *Cawls* yesterday. Thursday the Enemie remov'd from *Sterling*: Friday wee had intelligence thereof, but however wee resolved to go on with our work: after that their marches were in such traverses, that wee knew not well what to conjecture: however wee resolved after them, as soon as the business of *S^t Johnstouns* was over. After their march, they first resolved *Middleton* should return to keep the North: then that *Robert Montgomery* (who was on the other side *Forth*) should go: and this a little put us to thoughts what they will do: but, in conclusion, *Robert Mountgomery* and all were ordered to follow them. They are not above 11000 men at most; they have very little provision with them; through all the countrey in *Scotland* wee finde their run-awaies: in a word, nothing was left them but a desperate cure, or a desperate ruine, w^{ch} my heart is fill'd in the confident expectation of. I suppose rational men will put a wide difference between their condition now, & it 2 or 3 moneths ago, when their Armie was in it's strength, *Pife*, and all the side of that side the water theirs. They have not left in *Scotland* the face of anie Autoritie or force, or Town garrison'd. The Lord keep his servants humble, but believing himself, and let everie one bestirr himself, and plaie the man (or rather the Christian) in this hour. I must beg pardon for not writing to anie others, beeing wearie, and the messenger taking horse. My humble and heartie remembrance to M^r *Roe*.

I am, Sir!

Your Honor's most cordial and humble

Newcastle, Aug. 7.

1651.

Servant, G. Downing:

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Postscript.

The generalitie of the *Scots* were against the present attempt for *England*; but the KING told them, hee would march with such as would follow him: hee look's very despondingly, but must adventure all.





A Letter from the Council of State to the
Lord Major of London.

My Lord!

His letter coming to the Council by a Messenger Express, shewing the progress that our forces have made in Scotland; so, as the Scottish Armie, which would never bee brought to fight in their own Countre, have now left the same for lost; and are marched into England. By it you will also see in what posture our forces are in order to them; you will find St Iohn-stones surrendered to us, and Sterling town before this time in our possession: by all which wee hope that whole work is near a good and happie end; which weethought good to give your Lordship notice of; and desire you it may bee published in the Congregation where your Lordship is, that the people might bee thereby stirred up to give God thanks for the great progress made in Scotland, and for the hopeful Condition our affairs are in for a speedie and good issue.

White-Hall August
the 10. 1651.
Signed &c.